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Inventor(s): Frank S. Geefay et al.

Serial No.: 10/826,803

Examiner: Lee, Hsien Ming

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Group Art Unit: 2823

Title: SLOPED VIA CONTACTS

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TOTAL CLAIMS	16	MINUS	20	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	1	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$88	\$ 0
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$300	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$430.00	3RD MONTH \$980.00	4TH MONTH \$1530.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Examiner's action dated August 26, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this Amendment.

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